

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:

IL150034

VIOLATOR:

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **June 11, 2015, December 23, 2014, November 25, 2014, July 2, 2014, June 17, 2014 and January 30, 2014**, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

2.40(b)(2) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care....establish and maintain programs of veterinarian care that use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care for the following:

- sow (#858) in the farrowing area had an injury to her right front leg. She was shaking her head continuously, and her left ear appeared to be irritated. (Direct on June 11, 2015)
- sow (#397) had swelling on her right knee, the center was pink/red in color. (Direct on June 11, 2015)
- three 3-month old pigs had facial injuries around their eyes and noses covered with a thick brown crusty material (Direct on June 11, 2015)
- two pigs had injured ears and one pig had a bloody tail stump. (December 23, 2014)
- a sow had an injury to her left rear leg preventing her to put any weight on the leg; another sow had an abscess approximately 8 inches in diameters (November 25, 2014).
- a hound had a hot spot, a sow had fluid in her ear, and another sow had a swollen knee. (July 2, 2014)
- sow had an abscess on her right side (June 17, 2014)
- eleven piglets had open sores surrounded with brown scabs on both cheek areas below their eyes or on the side of their snouts, one sow (#1001) had two abscesses, and another sow (#1624) had one ruptured abscess. (January 30, 2014)

2.40(b)(3) Attending Veterinarian and adequate Veterinary Care.....you failed to observe the animals daily and assess their health and well-being and have a mechanism of direct and frequent communication so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian. See all dates above, DIRECT cited on June 11, 2015.

2.131 (b)(1) Handling of Animals....failure to handle animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort

Three month old pigs, which were being loaded on a trailer, were not handled properly. (June 11, 2015)

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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